

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VS.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 3:07CR154-P-A

**ALI OBAD and SHEILA
AL-SANABANI,**

DEFENDANTS.

ORDER

This matter comes before the court upon Defendant Ali Obad's Motion to Dismiss the Indictment [61] and Defendant Sheila Al-Sanabani's joinder therein. After due consideration of the motion and the responses filed thereto, the court finds as follows, to-wit:

The defendants move to dismiss the original Indictment filed on August 21, 2007 on the grounds that the Indictment fails to (1) establish the necessary requisite jurisdictional language regarding interstate commerce and (2) give constitutional notice of the *actus rea* and *mens rea* involved in the alleged crimes.

After the instant motion to dismiss was filed, the federal Grand Jury returned a Superseding Indictment which was filed on April 16, 2008. Each count of the Superseding Indictment contains the requisite interstate commerce language. Therefore, the motion to dismiss should be granted as to the original Indictment but not as to the Superseding Indictment. Furthermore, the court finds that the defendants argument that either Indictment fails to give adequate constitutional notice of the *actus rea* and *mens rea* of each count is without merit and unsupported by any authorities, mandatory or otherwise.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the defendants' motion to dismiss [61] is **GRANTED** insofar as the original Indictment is dismissed, but **DENIED** as to the

Superceding Indictment.

SO ORDERED this the 28th day of April, A.D., 2008.

/s/ W. Allen Pepper, Jr.

W. ALLEN PEPPER, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE